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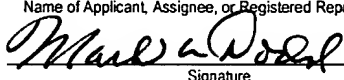
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/586,641  
Applicant(s): Hirokatsu SHIMADA  
For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO CONTROL  
PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS  
ARE CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT  
TO PERFORM SAID CONTROL  
Confirmation No.: 7764  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/02070  
Filed: June 5, 2000  
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Examiner: Thierry L. Pham

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, which provides for a response period ending November 10, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.